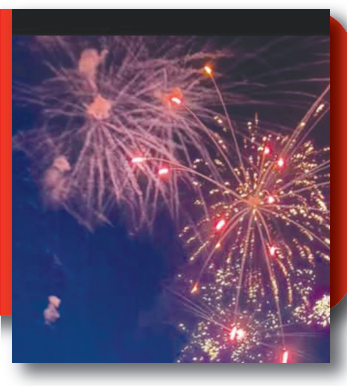


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Photo By Victoria Kirkpatrick

THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR - A fireworks show concluded Manchester's annual Independence Day celebration, held July 2 at the Manchester Mill. America's 250th birthday was celebrated at Lake Meriwether and in Hogansville as well. More photos from the events can be found on **page 10-A**.

GBI Investigating Shooting Incident

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

At the request of the Meriwether County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and the Coweta County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) is currently investigating a shooting incident that occurred on Monday, June 29.

According to a GBI press release, at the request of the two law enforcement agencies GBI agents are investigating an officer involved shooting in Meriwether County. One man was shot and killed during the incident. No officers were injured.

According to the press release, preliminary information indicates on Monday, June 29 at about 1:30 p.m., a CCSO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a SUV located on I-85 southbound in Coweta County. The SUV came to a stop in Meriwether County, just over the Coweta County line.

During the traffic stop, the driver of the SUV, a man, spoke with the deputy at the rear of the SUV. While speaking with the deputy, the man suddenly moved from the rear of the SUV and got back into the driver's seat of the SUV.

The deputy then attempted to remove the driver from the SUV. At this time, a second deputy arrived on scene. The man refused to comply with the deputies.

One of the deputies then tased the man, but the taser was ineffective. The man then reached under the driver's seat and produced a gun. The man shot at the deputies several times, and the deputies fired shots toward the man, hitting him multiple times.

Coweta County Fire and EMS responded to the scene to provide life-saving efforts, but the man was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The man's body will be taken to the GBI Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

The investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the GBI Regional Office in Columbus by dialing (706) 565-7888. Anonymous tips can also be submitted by calling 1-800-597-TIPS (8477), online at https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once the investigation is complete, it will be given to the Coweta Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for review.



Artisans on Square to Feature Barrientos Exhibit

Submitted to the *Star-Mercury-Vindicator*

Artisans on the Square proudly presents *Celebration of Color - The Art of Jaasiel Barrientos*, featuring new and early abstract paintings as well as Impressionistic landscapes.

The exhibit will be on display from July 11th to August 29, 2026. Everyone is invited to the opening reception Saturday, July 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Artisans on the Square, located in downtown Greenville GA, across from the Courthouse.

Jaasiel Barrientos is a fine artist who considers himself a self-taught artist, even though he has taken drawing classes, workshops, and learned from mentors. For more than a decade, he has continually studied, applied, and developed new techniques. The influence of several artists began to shape Jaasiel's work — most notably Vincent Van Gogh and Jackson Pollock allowing him to express himself through texture, composition, and color — particularly vibrant, rich colors.

The exhibit is free to the public. Gallery hours are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 5pm. For more information visit our website: artisansonthesquare.ga

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Manchester Celebrates America's 250th Birthday

By MARY BYERS

Manchester hosted their annual Independence Day Celebration July 2nd at the historical Manchester Mill. This year marks two-hundred-and-fifty years of freedom as a nation formed on principals such as freedom of speech, freedom of press, the right to bear arms, equality, and a nation formed under God. These principals were represented as citizens wandered around the celebration from the many varying vendors and those represented.

Celebrations like these are made possible with the help of local businesses and contributors alike. This year's celebration was made possible by the city of Manchester, Foothills Rare Earths, Dogwood Central Thrift Store, F&M Bank, Georgia Power, Charles Abbott Associates, Middle Georgia Fleet Services, Ironstone Demolition, Earline & Wayne Pitts, Ranger Propane, Manchester Development Authority, A.J.K., Cox Funeral Home, Duck's Trolley, Big Chic, Start Again Counseling, Frontier Ambulance Solutions, D.F.M. Graphics, and more.

Patrons were able to enjoy vendors, food trucks, inflatable slides, live music by The Emerald Empire Band, and even dunk the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem. Appearances and assistance from Kissin' 99.3 and The Joy FM made our little hometown of Manchester feel like a celebrity on Thursday evening.

As the fun and festivities wind down, let us not forget what it all means. That freedom came with a price paid by patriots long ago. A price that some still pay today to keep our freedoms intact. We may have our differences and disagreements, but if there is one thing I have seen from the F.I.F.A. World Cup being held in America this year, it is that the freedom in America is still something unique.

"There is here a great melting pot in which we must compound a precious metal. That metal is the metal of nationality," President Woodrow Wilson once said.

It was known as "the melting pot" because people from all walks of life could come together here and strive for the same goal. A melting pot also implies being reformed, renewed into something stronger. Other countries do not have religious freedom, freedom of speech or press, a right to vote, or even the right to defend themselves against a corrupt government. When early European colonists started out in North America, England did not guide them through the wilderness. They adapted and grew into the patriots who believed in the promise of a new start in America. On July 4, 1776, we the people came together as one nation, with liberty and justice for all.

More photo coverage of America's 250th birthday celebrations can be found on **page 10-A**.

Callaway High to Get Fine Arts Center

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

Callaway High School will have a new Performing Arts Center.

Troup County Superintendent Rachel Hazel recommended the Board of Education approve the construction by J&R Construction and Development during a meeting on Monday, June 22. The maximum cost of the construction would be $19,169,555.

The facility will be state of the art and will include a room for a full orchestra show for use by the district's orchestra program.

The target date for completion is early summer of 2027.

Also, the board approved an expenditure of $80,000 in an agreement with Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc. to provide soil testing, materials and inspection services for the project.

Dr. Pennie Tucker, the assistant superintendent of operations, told the board there was a lot of rock in the dirt where the construction will occur and approving the maximum amount of expenditures for the project would hopefully keep from having to request more funds.

"If we need it (the funds) we'll have it," Tucker said. "If we don't need it, we won't use it."

Tucker pointed out the work includes quality evaluations that will include soil testing, foundation evaluation, concrete inspections, structural testing, pavement inspections and masonry testing.

Once completed, all three high schools in Troup County will have auditoriums.

Contact the *Star-Mercury-Vindicator* at
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Meriwether County and Hogansville Community Calendar

Meriwether County Republican Party meeting, 6 pm Thursday, July 9. The public is invited to attend.

Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority meeting, 4 pm Monday, July 13. The public is invited to attend.

Meriwether County Commission meeting, 6 pm Monday, July 13. The public is invited to attend.

Warm Springs City Council meeting, 6:30 pm Monday, July 13. The public is invited to attend.

Luthersville City Council meeting, 6 pm Tuesday, July 14. The public is invited to attend.

Manchester City Council meeting, 6 pm Tuesday, July 14. The public is invited to attend.

Meriwether County Board of Education meeting, 6 pm Tuesday, July 14. The public is invited to attend.

Lake Meriwether Board meeting, 7 pm Tuesday, July 14. The public is invited to attend.

Readers are urged to call ahead and confirm that events listed here are still being held.

To have your non-commercial community event listed in the Community Calendar, send the information to starmercurynews@gmail.com. To be included, the event must be taking place in Hogansville or Meriwether County. The deadline is each Monday at noon. Calendar events are subject to change.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case # PC26-002: Rezoning request from Chisel Mill Design & Build LLC. Parcel #027-009, 11.89 acres from Low Density Residential to R-1 Residential for the purposed use from 2-acre lots to 1.5-acre lots.

Case # PC26-003: Rezoning request from Chisel Mill Design & Build LLC. Parcel #027-012 & 027 012 001, 25.87 from Rural Reserve to R-1 Residential for the purposed use from 2 acre lots to 1.5 acre lots.

The meeting before the ***Planning Board will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM*** at the ***Meriwether County Building & Zoning building located at 17234 Roosevelt Hwy – Building A. Greenville, GA 30222.***

JOB OPENING

MERIWETHER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PRESIDENT

SUMMARY: This position consists of responsible executive level duties in coordinating economic development programs within the county, including those related to loan assistance, federal grants, business expansion and retention. This person must be able to conduct special research and analysis related to economic development. General direction is received from the Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors.

Prefers a degree from a college or university in Public or Business Administration or related field.

Complete job description upon request by calling **706/672-3464. Interested candidates may forward resume to: Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority, 17234 Roosevelt Highway, Building B, Greenville, Ga. 30222. Resume's may be emailed to *J.Fryer@meriwethercountyga.gov* by August 14, 2026.**



Photo By Mary Byers

GEORGIA AG ACADEMY VISITS MANCHESTER - Pine Mountain Regional Library in Manchester was fortunate to host the Farm Bureau's mobile agriculture experience trailer on June 24th. The Farm Bureau not only sells insurance but supports and promotes agriculture within our community. The Ag Experience Trailer travels all over Georgia providing educational programs and showcasing various agricultural career paths that many children are unaware of. This travel trailer is a unique asset and helps bridge the gap with communities on how agriculture touches every facet of life. Above, The Farm Bureau had goodies for patrons young and old as they visited the Pine Mountain Regional Library in Manchester on Wednesday.

Why We Need the Arts

By ELIZABETH GRAVES

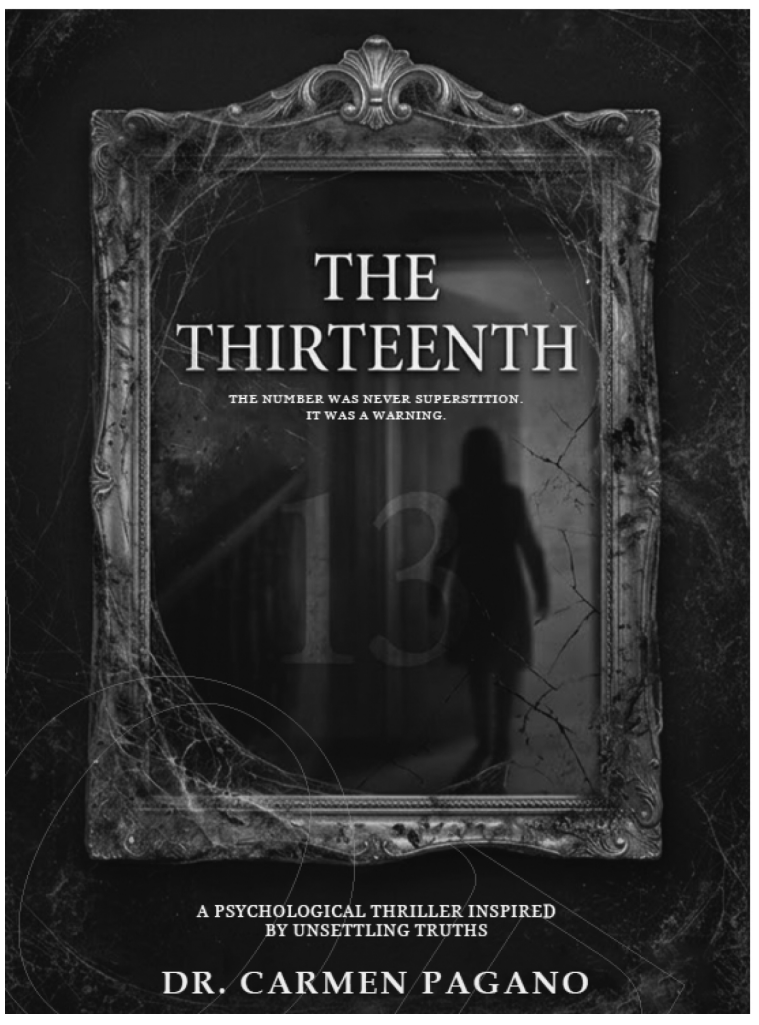
What are the arts? Merriam Webster defines the arts as "painting, sculpture, music, theater, literature, etc., considered as a group of activities done by people with skill and/or imagination". The arts are vast and one of the few areas that is without a doubt open to many different forms of interpretation. The arts have been around since the beginning of man. Found in Tibet and debated by archaeologists that it may represent some of the oldest art, a set of children's hand prints and feet prints were found preserved in limestone, estimated to be 200,000 years old. Art has been used as a form of protest, a way to express emotions, to explain how we feel when words can't. Art can change your mind, make you question reality. The arts build cognitive flexibility, creative problem-solving, and emotional intelligence. School arts programs contribute to improved academic performance, better grades and basic skills test results. Exposure to the arts is linked to better college and job prospects. Art has been shown to reduce stress, can improve mood, sharpen your attention, improve memory and focus. Art therapy has been used to help people process trauma, deal with grief and improve self-awareness.

Although the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 had good intentions, by focusing on improving academics scores in math and reading, it directly related schools with better test scores to get more funding. With this act in place, many schools began to push more academic focus and cut the funding to the art programs. Research from the National Endowment for the Arts highlights that consistent arts engagement correlates directly with higher GPAs, better test scores, and increased graduation rates. Schools that cut the arts programs expect to see an immediate increase in test scores and academic performance actually see the opposite, with a stagnation or drop in test scores; 3- to 5-point drop in reading comprehension and an increase in math remediation placements. Because students lose complex and basic problem solving skills when the arts are removed. Compared to a decade ago, math scores today are down 70 percent. Reading scores are down 83 percent. Students tend to have decreased engagement in the classroom, higher rates of absences, and increase in disciplinary referrals. For many students the arts are the reason to get up and go to school. The arts help them process the complex emotions that come with childhood and teenage years, by giving them an outlet to express what they can't say. Studies have also shown that schools that still offer art programs have lower dropout rates than schools that have cut their art programs.

When we as humans have to deal with intense emotions, we naturally look for an outlet that fits us. For some people it's working out, for some it's a hike through the mountains, for some it's a trip to the hair salon to dye your hair a wild color, and for many people it is some form of art. Whether it's writing, drawing, painting, acting, singing, music, art can heal the mind and soul. The arts have been shown to have benefits in lowering stress, processing complex emotions; like trauma and grief, and stimulating brain reward centers. Journaling or some form of writing exercise, is one form of art therapy that therapists have been recommending to help their patients deal with times of intense emotions or stress. Art therapy has been mainstream for the last 80 years, with the term being created in the 1940's by British artist Adrian Hill. At that time art therapy was being used to help returning WWII soldiers deal with trauma of the battlefield and those suffering with tuberculosis in the many santoriums. Margaret Naumburg and artist Edith Kramer were also strong practitioners of art therapy. Naumburg believed that art was linked to the expression of the unconscious mind through free expression and thought. Kramer was known as the mother of art therapy and believed to have played an important role in laying the groundwork for art therapy education. She felt that the art process was the healing factor in any form of successful art therapy. Art therapy has been widely studied and observed in its effectiveness to treat issues like trauma, abuse, grief, anxiety, and eating disorders. It has also been shown to be a helpful tool to alleviate stress through significant life changes and eases pain and suffering associated with mental, physical and emotional diseases.

For as long as humans have been around we have looked for ways to deal with and understand the things that we can't understand and arts have been a huge part of unraveling the unknown. We use the arts to help us deal with strong emotions. We use them to process our trauma and times of grief. Studies show listening to music for just 10 to 30 minutes a day significantly lowers stress and reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression; and 45-minutes of art making a day, has been shown to reduce stress and improve sleep. When arts are a part of schools children feel more engaged, feel like they have a moment in the complex scary world to escape and find themselves. They benefit from the arts through grades, increased attendance and less incidents of negative discipline. Children who have access to some form of arts program, have higher rates of college options, and better job prospects after graduation. Without the arts our complex brains would wither. We need the arts to stay sharp, to keep us focused and driven. We need art to escape when life gets too hard. We need the arts to help us express what words can't say. We need the arts because without them the world would be boring.

Local Manchester, GA Author Releases Book 1 of a Trilogy titled, "The Thirteenth"



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In her family, thirteen is not a birthday. Not an age. And never a coincidence.

Raised in a home ruled by emotional storms and shifting realities, Carina learns early that survival depends on silence…on stillness…on sensing danger before it speaks, but when she begins to question the story, she's been given about her mother, about herself, and about the curse they call number Thirteen, the fragile foundation of her world begins to crack. Because some legacies aren't inherited.

They are imposed.
And sometimes the most dangerous thing a child can do…is ASK *why*.

The Thirteenth is a haunting psychological thriller about inherited trauma, fractured identity, and the quiet war inside a family where love and control look the same.

Some families protect their secrets.

Carina's family built a life around one. The number was never superstition.

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Photo Submitted

SIP 'N PAINT EVENT - A group of people gathered at Sleight of Hand in Manchester on June 25 for a Sip 'n Paint event. The group gathered to create art and they turned out paintings of daisies. Diane Spencer put the event together, and Nath Cochran, owner of Sleight of Hand, provided the venue. To join the next Sip 'n Paint, contact Spencer at (505) 231-2543.



FDR State Park Offers Fun Programs

By ANDY KOBER

F.D. Roosevelt State Park is hosting family friendly events including:

• **Saturday, July 11**, 9:30 pm and 11 am. Star Light, Star Bright. Join staff from the Coca Cola Space Science Center for a night sky talk and sky viewing. Bring your own telescope or use one that will be set up. Bring a chair or blanket for sitting, Held on the ballfield across from Liberty Bell Pool along State Route 354, just east of Pine Mountain. No fee to participate in the program. Parking fee does apply.

• **Saturday, July 18**, 7:30 am. Sunrise Yoga on the Mountain with instructor Monique French. Bring a yoga mat and meet at the stone amphitheater at the park office. Held weather permitting. Fee of $15. Restrooms open at 8 am.

• **Saturday, July 18**, 9 am and 11 am. Archery. Beginners welcome. Basic instruction and equipment provided. Limited spaces available. Call the park office to register. Fee of $20 per person. Meet at archery course next to group shelter, park in boat dock parking area. Pre-registration required by contacting the park office at least one day ahead of the program.

• **Saturday, July 18**, 10 am. Impressions of Nature. Learn printmaking through botanical prints using a variety of plants found in the park. Take a lasting impression of the ephemeral beauty of nature home. Fee of $5 per person. Pre-registration required by contacting the park office at least one day ahead of the program.

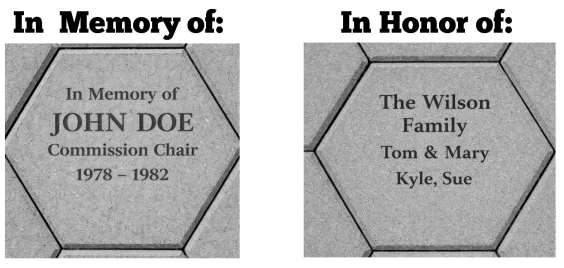
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Letters To The Editor

Grumpy Old Ladies? Maybe Not

Dear Editor,

Mom, Marguerite and Anna Marie. Grumpy old ladies? I recently took a trip to Crawfordville, Florida, to visit two long-time friends. I love road trips, but mostly I wanted the Three Musketeers to have one last hurrah. I did not suspect memory loss, but some decline in critical thinking. I'm sorry, but you don't need to keep the lights on so your fish know it's daytime and you don't need to run the air conditioning out the back door onto the porch for the comfort of your plants. I also remember my mother transitioning from Miss Congeniality to grumpy old lady.

Marguerite and Eileen were never a barrel of laughs, but they were always caring women with big hearts. I truly wonder what causes someone to so rarely smile. I had a grumpy old uncle with a bad back who smiled for ten years after I shocked him by giving him a dog for his birthday. At first he didn't want Bones, the dog, but soon they were inseparable, eating roast beef sandwiches together.

Nothing I did pleased Marguerite. Her fish died and she didn't want me to buy another. She complained about her dingy front door but wouldn't let me paint it. She mentioned garden mulch but wouldn't hear of me picking up a few bags and doing the labor. I realize there are varying degrees of pain but sheesh, let somebody help you! Nothing I did was right. Eileen didn't help matters any with her hemming and hawing and extreme vagueness.

Thus, I phoned M's daughter and son, and we all took off for a nice supper at a gulf-side seafood place. It had a cool name - the Salty Donkey. It was seafood at its finest. I loved all the stray cats roaming around, waiting for scraps to fall. It reminded me of when I was in Greece and Bulgaria. James and Becki were ever so chatty and funny, and a pleasure to be around. Eileen and Marguerite, on the other hand, just sat and ate, poker-faced.

I took them to see Sally Field's newest, critically acclaimed movie, *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. I loved it and cried a lot, it was so heart-warming. The film stirred absolutely no reaction out of them, yet they said they liked it. Words mean nothing if your face doesn't even match the sentiment.

I truly believe that if you sit around day in and day out, wallowing in your own muck, of course you will be miserable, unhappy, sad, and notice all your aches and pains. If God gifts you with a helper or friend from time to time, embrace it and milk it for all you can. There is an extreme difference between truly living and merely existing. I always go for the former. I am a firm believer in the old saying, God helps those who help themselves. And He certainly delights in us. Live your live to the max. Make yourself, those around you, and God happy. And let your friends help you. There's true joy in being able to be on both the giving and the receiving ends. It works both ways. Life is good.

Sincerely,
Maryann Zeliznak
Manchester, Ga.

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Approximately 1,000 linear feet of pavement repair by full depth reclamation and installation of approximately 700 linear feet of 6-inch water line, all work complete with appurtenances, including traffic control, striping, and erosion control.

Time allotted for construction is 90 consecutive calendar days for substantial completion and 120 days for final completion.

Proposals for the complete work in one general contract shall be made on the proposal form provided ad shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on.

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On Fitting In, Which Is Something I Usually Don't



Jack Bagley

Musings of An Aging Mind

During an appearance on *The Tonight Show* back in the 1980s, the late comedian George Gobel asked a very poignant question:

"Did you ever feel as if the world was a tuxedo and you were a pair of brown shoes?"

Lonesome George hit the nail on the head. I've felt that way most of my life.

I don't say that as if it were a bad thing, though. Not fitting in has led me to a few interesting jobs and careers, including my current one in journalism.

As far back as I can remember, I didn't fit in. When I was a little kid back in Chicago, I spent a lot of my time inside, reading or writing, while my peers were out playing. I did do my fair share of outside play, don't get me wrong, but I felt much better when I was inside with a good book.

When my family moved from Chicago to LaGrange in 1970, the feeling of not fitting in intensified exponentially.

Arriving at Troup Junior High School as a brand-new seventh grader in September of that year, I was as outcast as I could be. I was short, skinny, wore glasses, had big ears, and I talked funny.

In other words, I had a target on my back for the next year or so, and the "good old boy" kids who'd grown up in the area delighted in picking on the weird kid from up North.

Interestingly, a lot of those kids who'd been torturing me then turned out to be good friends as the years went by.

In fact, when that class of students held their 50-year reunion recently, they made it a point to invite me. I didn't graduate with them; my family moved from LaGrange to Columbus during my ninth grade year, and when they came back a year later, I didn't. I lived with relatives in Columbus to finish my high school a year early. (I was very involved in the Junior ROTC program at my school, and didn't want to leave. Also, a girl named Lisa didn't live in LaGrange, so there was that, too.)

I was honored and very much moved to be invited to the Troup High School Class of 1976 50-year reunion, and I attended with great excitement and anticipation.

Some of the faces I remembered, but they had changed over the intervening half-century. Well, so had mine. At the meet-and-greet Friday evening, I knew a couple of my erstwhile classmates by sight - but only because we'd been friends on Facebook.

The fact that I'd been going by the name "Jack" since 1976 threw them, because - except for the ones who'd stayed in the area and knew my radio work - they remembered me by my real name.

(No, I'm not going to go into that particular topic here. It's not a state secret or anything; I just don't use it unless I have to.)

The meet-and-greet was held at the Wild Leap Brewery in LaGrange, a very popular place for people to visit - but this was my first time in there. It's a pretty neat place, too, especially if one is into imbibing spirits (which I generally don't do).

My best friend from those old days, Elton, showed up and we had a really great reunion. We've kept in touch over the years, so our relative appearances weren't a surprise, but actually seeing my old friend once again was great.

The "formal" dinner Saturday night was wonderful. Many more attendees were there than came to the meet-and-greet, and everybody was wearing a name tag with their senior photo on it. It was a lot of fun seeing how many of us had changed in the intervening years.

The organizers even found my senior photo from my Columbus high school, but they listed me as "Jack" and that confused several classmates who didn't know me as that. A few words or even a silly joke reminded them, and we had some really great reunions at the Reunion.

Still ... I felt a little left out. I didn't go through the high school experience with these wonderful folks, and our memories of each other were based more on the end stage of childhood than the beginnings of adolescence.

They drank and danced, two things I generally don't indulge in. I sipped my Diet Coke and watched, apart from the rest - just like it was half a century ago.

I was, once again, the outsider. It was different, as I'd become something of a "celebrity" to my classmates - I'd gone into radio and television work, writing, and acting, which the rest of my former schoolmates didn't grow up to do. Though it was unintentional and certainly not malicious, I realized again that being well-known, even in a small Georgia town, isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Don't get me wrong. I had a very good time at the Reunion, and it was great to see all those old friends ("old" being the operative word these days).

But I still didn't fit in, and I know now I never will.

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Newspapers Must Be Community Minded



John Kuykendall

Publisher & Editor

In this hurry up, fast paced world we live in people say newspapers are dieing. But a newspaper that keeps its community ties, in my opinion, will continue to survive.

Today we live in a world where access to news is quick and easy. We have social media (which is not always correct but people read it), and other quick news sources. Television and radio can report news quickly but only give short versions of the news.

Today, newspaper also rely on digital print and websites to break stories. As weekly newspapers, even though we might know about a news story, we will probably not break it first because of the other news sources that I've mentioned.

So, how do newspapers survive? The way they always have.

The other day I was in a local service station and a lady was disappointed because she couldn't find one of our newspapers. She was asking the if there were any newspapers from the week before left, noting her son was in a photograph and she wanted a copy.

I always keep copies in my vehicle for a couple of weeks so I went outside, retrieved the copy of the newspaper she was asking for and returned inside.

When I presented her with the newspaper she was so excited.

"Thank you, thank you," she said. "This is going in my scrapbook, my son's photograph is in this newspaper."

Ironically, it was just a photograph of some construction the city was doing, but her son was doing some of the construction. You could hardly see him, but it was important to her.

That is what separates us from other news sources. Local news coverage and photographs.

In small community newspapers, there are always local photographs of people in the community, there is always local news that is important to the community and more importantly, most often the staff members of community newspapers reside in the community. Being a part of the community matters because as a resident the things that are important to everyone else in the community are just as important to you as an individual.

By telling my age a little, I've been working for community newspapers for 50 years. As a young reporter I learned that newspapers should be a reflection of the community they serve. That does not mean everything can be covered by the newspaper. News happens 24 hours a day and it's impossible to be everywhere and cover everything.

There are several things that tie a community but the most important things include, the governments, schools and churches. That is because our local government sets our policies and spends our tax dollars. Our schools are educating our children and our churches provide valuable services to the community.

Newspapers also provide the areas they serve as a historical record of news and events that occur.

It is often that people visit newspaper offices looking for photographs and news stories that occurred years before and note the only record they can find is in the old newspaper.

Basically, a newspaper is charged with the responsibility of printing accurate, honest and comprehensive news stories. Providing information about events, things that are important to the community and more. Newspapers never take things at face value. Over the years I have learned that with most issues, there are hidden details that need to be discovered and reported.

Newspapers were founded on the basis of keeping government honest. No reflection on our local politicians or governments, but would you take the word of a politician at face value or would you want to see the documentation?

As a reporter, I feel it is our responsibility to write a complete, accurate, comprehensive and unbiased news article. It is also a reporter's responsibility to remember the rights of others and to always remember and adhere to the First Amendment of our Constitution.

So, as long as newspapers continue to write accurate local news, write about the things of interest in the community, cover the government, schools and churches, and be a reflection of the community, they will survive.

While community newspapers may not always break the story first, we can do a more in-depth story with all the facts. We owe that to the communities we serve.

Also, for community newspapers to survive, they need the help of the community. People in the community must let the newspaper know what is going on and what is important to them.

If newspapers do their job and have community support, I believe they will always survive.

The Movie Makes One Think



Andy Kober

Columnist

Steven Spielberg is a master.

Not every movie made by Spielberg has been a blockbuster, but his rate of success has been nothing short of phenomenal.

Spielberg single-handedly took the dirty, dusty, and boring image of an archaeologist and made becoming one adventurous. He made people laugh at the adventures of a little alien being, and then most cry as it appeared the little creature had died.

Spielberg made it appear plausible that DNA found in amber could be used to bring dinosaurs back to life and the danger of doing so if it ever can be done. He also made people scared to swim in ocean water and immortalized a short musical score that remains instantly recognizable over 50 years later.

He has done it again with *Disclosure Day*.

This column does not urge you to spend your hard-earned money to watch the movie, or provide any spoilers about the movie. This columnist is not receiving a kickback from Spielberg, Amblin Entertainment, or anyone connected to the movie but any of them wanting to buy a cup of coffee for this columnist would be welcome.

That said, *Disclosure Day* has already proven incredibly popular as the day this is being written, June 27, it had already reportedly grossed $175 million worldwide. It is a throwback to creative storytelling without the need for gratuitous sex or gratuitous violence. Those looking for blood and gore will have to look elsewhere.

But it does leave one thinking: What if this were true?

"IN THE beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Our small Solar System is located in the Milky Way galaxy, about 26,000 light-years from its galactic center. The entire Milky Way galaxy is estimated to be about 100,000 light-years in diameter and about 30,000 light-years thick in the center.

The part of the universe that is known stretches about 93 billion light-years in diameter. How large it might be is unknown and it might stretch into infinity.

That's a lot of incomprehensible numbers but consider just one more.

Just the Milky War galaxy is estimated to have 100 to 400 billion stars and the number of planets simply cannot be estimated using current technology. However, the Milky Way galaxy is just one of many galaxies in the Universe, how many galaxies might exist is also unknown.

It is much easier to believe that somewhere out there in the vastness of space there is intelligent life -- much easier than believing we are alone in that same vastness.

It stands to reason that if there is life out there, then from a technological perspective some of it will be well ahead of us, and some will be behind us. Alien species that have conquered long-distance space travel would likely have some interest in observing developing species – as repeatedly noted in *Star Trek* -- just as we search for signs of present or past life on our neighboring planets and their moons.

This leads us to reported sightings of UFOs by some very reputable people and interesting evidence that is coming to light as official government documents are declassified and released to the public.

HOW many of you believe that if an alien species had been discovered on Earth, the government would reveal everything?

How many of you believe that if an alien species had been discovered on Earth, the government would do everything possible to keep that knowledge classified and away from the public?

The latter question is the theme that *Disclosure Day* is built around.

Your answer indicates how much trust you have in our government.

That's my opinion.

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Heat Domes, Air Conditioning and the Human Condition



Kyle Dominy

New Southern Dad

The heat, coupled with the oppressive humidity—that is what makes Southern stories great. This sultry, summertime climate slows the pace of life, and it gives you time to think clearly and carefully, making it ideal for storytellers as well.

Or so thought William Faulkner. The famed novelist believed the temperature affected his characters, and the way he penned their stories, so much that he refused to have air conditioning installed in his Mississippi home. Sweating is good for humans and is key to learning how to endure this thing called life.

Ironically, Faulkner wasn't cold in the grave, pun very much intended, before his wife had a window unit brought up from the nearest department store. In fact, she made the purchase just one day after his funeral. He would roll over in the ground if he knew his prized estate, Rowan Oak, is now a perfectly climate-controlled museum and Southern writing research center.

How, pray tell, can you properly study Southern writing without sweating through your shirt? Maybe that's why a good writer is hard to find these days. Keep your thoughts about my talents, or lack thereof, to yourself, please …

It's been so hot lately around the world that Europeans are buying AC units faster than Faulkner's overheated widow. Wearing black is also not good for trying to stay cool.

The danger of overheating is well documented and too many people fall ill, or even die, each year because they fail to heed their body's warning signs. There's something to be said about being able to survive in the summer elements. It's easy to spot the person who is used to sitting at a desk in an air-conditioned room versus someone who works outside for a living. The former typically starts whining as the first bead of sweat forms on their forehead, while the latter is fond of saying things like, "Hot enough for ya?"

I've been on both sides of that conversation, and strangely enough when I worked outside, I longed for comfort that comes with mental work, and when I've been chained to a desk, I yearn for the integrity that couples with earning a dollar with your sweat. Unlike Faulkner, I've never combined the two and tried to write something while sweating my tail off. But neither paper nor computers hold up well in moisture.

The eastern United States is currently nestled underneath a heat dome, an atmospheric phenomenon where high pressure traps warm air, therefore making temperatures feel hotter than they are. At any given moment it can feel like triple digits, or hot enough to bake cookies on the sidewalk or write the next great Southern novel.

If risking heat stroke is what it takes to fully understand being alive, I think I'll stick to what I am now. It's worth noting that Faulkner, aside from a derision of making his wife happy, had a serious drinking problem. It is hard to be hot when you're passed out.

Stay cool out there.

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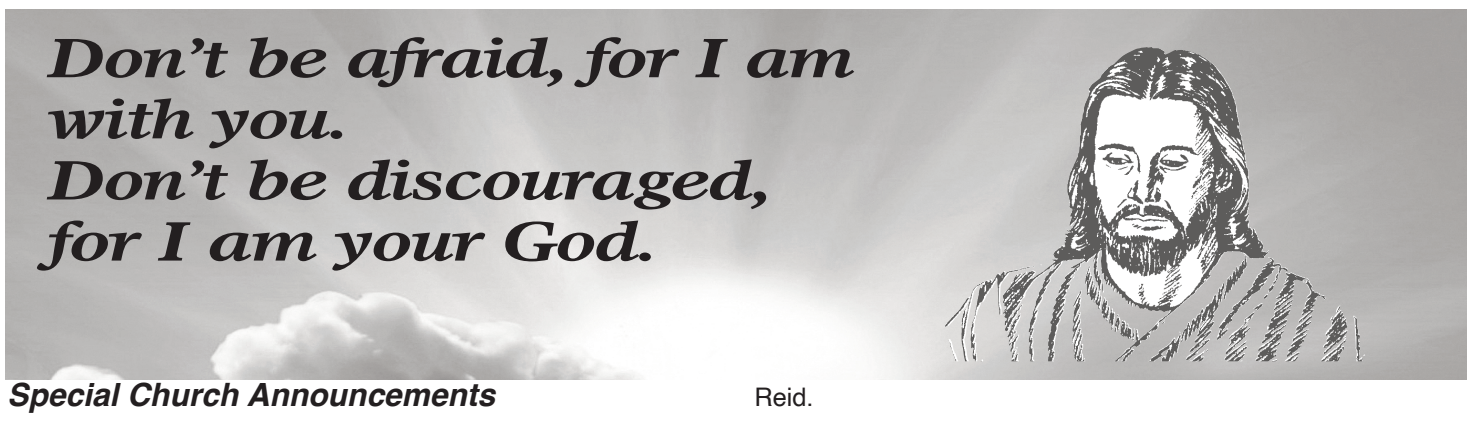
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E-mail your items to: starmercurynews@gmail.com. Items are only accepted via e-mail. Sorry, no .pdf files accepted.
Dated events are listed in chronological order; regular ongoing events and announcements are listed after the dated events.



Special Church Announcements

Gospel Sing



Victory Temple Worship Center 1515 Ga. Highway 85 Manchester on Saturday July 10th at 5 pm. Singers will be the Trinity Trio. Free admission. Love Offering will be received. Light refreshments after the sing. For more information call Pastor Richard Nash (478)-998-2996.

Ongoing Church Announcements

Fishing for Youth

Fishing For Youth of America was founded by Richard and Ginny Nash in memory of Richard's mother and father. The program provides fishing supplies for our youth. It is the hope of FFYA to encourage our youth to fish and do other wholesome activities and to stay away from drugs, guns, gangs and violence. If we can get our youth to appreciate the outdoors they make better young people. If you know of a child or grandchild that could benefit from this program we would love to hear from you. It's also a program that benefits children that would otherwise not get anything for Christmas. If anyone would like to support this cause you can give in Honor or in Memory of someone. For more information on how you can be a part of this much needed outreach you may call Richard 478-998-2996.



Invited to Services

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, located at the intersection of Judson Bulloch Rd & Roosevelt Hwy at 2904 Judson Bulloch Rd, Warm Springs, GA 31830. All are invited to celebrate the Mass with our community & officiated by our pastor Father Timothy Gadziala every Sunday at 2 p.m.

First Methodist Manchester Food Pantry

The First Methodist Church, located at 206 Broad Street, Manchester announces a Food Pantry for the community each third Wednesday of the month. The food pantry is located in the fellowship hall. Times are 10:00am - noon.

Faith Baptist Church Services

Faith Baptist Church - We are located at 11844 Whitehouse Pkwy. Woodbury, GA 30293. Come join with us for Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study at 6 p.m. Pastor David Dodgen. Phone (706) 333-5999. Follow us on Facebook - Faith Baptist Church-Woodbury.

New Arbor Community Church Services

New Arbor Community Church (Formerly known as Arbor Chapel U.M.C.) located on 1150 Arbor Chapel Road, Warm Springs, GA. (Stovall Community) invites everyone to attend regualr worship services on First and Third Sunday at 11:00 A.M. Phone Number: 706-663-4113. Matt. 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Rev. Jimmy Hardnett, Jr. Pastor.

Trinity CME In-Person Services

Trinity CME Church in the Durand Community Sunday Services will be in person on the first and fourth Sundays, and by telephone conference on the second and third Sundays. The telephone conference number is 720-843-2834 and Passcode is 6398632. Masks are required for in-person service along with social distancing. Rev. William Spratling, Pastor.

Church of Christ at Greentown Heights

The Church of Christ at Greentown Heights is open to worshippers of all ages and backgrounds. We are committed to the teachings of Christ and to spread His message. Feel free to visit one of our services at 407 Roger Brawner Avenue, Manchester, GA. Bible Classes are Wednesdays at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Classes are held for all ages at 7:00 pm. Sunday: Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:45 am; Worship Service at 11:00 am. We also offer in home Bible studies and free bible correspondence classes. For more information contact Brother Joey Waller at 706-846-2792 or 706-441-0181.

Youth/Children Services Weekly

The Anointed Remnant-Church, Columbus Georgia has resume In-Person worship service in the circle of Warm Springs and Blackmon Road each Sunday. Located next to Flat Rock Park. We also, have Wednesday's night bible study. Worship service starts at 11:00 am on Sundays and 6:30 pm on Wednesdays. POC: 706-325-5769.

Food Ministry at Dorcas Ministry

The Dorcas Ministry is a food ministry housed in the First Baptist Church of Warm Springs. The ministry serves those who live in this county or nearby and need temporary food. Proof of identity and address is required. Volunteers are at the church on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and other community information, such as job opportunities, is shared, as well. At this time the pantry needs personal products such as deodorant, toilet paper, etc. and most canned fruit, meats and vegetables (except corn and green beans). Organizers are also looking for additional volunteers.

Souls for Christ

Souls for Christ Church, located at 444 Todd Road in Greenville, invites you to join us every 2nd and 4th service at 11:00 a.m. Bible Study Tuesday at 6 p.m. Evangelist Sue Ann Reid.

Arise Ministry Podcast

Be sure to tune in to the Arise Ministry Pod Cast from Hogansville First Baptist Church which airs a new program every Sunday at 5:30PM. Gary Blanks, Randy Brady, Kevin Folds, Bill Dollar, and occasional guests talk about life in recovery. They talk about serious issues with humor, empathy, and joy, and it will be well worth your time to listen. The podcasts may be found on Facebook, Spotify, or YouTube.

Transportation for Friendship Missionary

The Transportation Ministry for Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Woodland will be picking up people who would love to come to our church service! The service will be available every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Masks and social distancing are required. Contact Clarence Leonard at (706) 427-3443 or Scott Hope at (706) 573-8231.

Feed My Sheep

The Grace Of Christ Ministries, at 3894 Hwy 85 Manchester, Ga 31816, invites you to worship with them. ORDER OF SERVICE: Sunday: Bible Teaching, 10:30am; Worship Service 11:00am. Founder/Bishop: Bishop Dr. Eric Johnson. Contact Number: 678-622-1458. Blessed by the Best!

Pentecostal Services

The Pentecostals of Woodbury welcome you to come and worship with us each Sunday at 10 AM at 500 Flat Shoals Rd in Woodbury, Georgia. For more information contact Pastor Philip Murray at 706-957-3230.

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry

The Woodbury Baptist Church Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is open the first and third Thursday of each month from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The church is located at 106 Dromedary Street, Woodbury, Georgia, 30293. Pantry is across the street from the front of the church.

Good Neighbor

If you are in need of clothing, shoes, kitchen items, we have 2 baby mattresses, sheets and a frew comforters and more. You can call Shirley at 706-457-3937 or text her what you are in need of - your size, or your childrens sizes. We will pull it and call you when you can come by and pick your items up at the door. If you have questions contact Shirley at 706-457-3937.

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you or a loved one needs help with a drinking problem, Alcoholics Anonymous can help. There are meetings available throughout Meriwether County. Sunday, 7 p.m., Jones Chapel in Imlac; Monday, 6:30 p.m., Greenville Baptist Church, Greenville; Tuesday, 7 p.m., Jones Chapel, Imlac; Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Community Chapel, Pine Mountain.

Rust Chapel United Methodist Church Family and Friends News

By JOYCE PARKS

Greetings from Pastor Frank and Alice Dean Jr. in the month of July to members, relatives and Friends of Rust

Birthday shout-outs to members, relatives and friends of Rust: Patricia Worthens, 7/2, Sonja D. Parham, (Niece), Dorothy Dean Thorton, (My 1966 Classmate of GCHS),and Malik Williams, (Great-Nephew), 7/3, Marcel Render, 7/5, Sherrell Parks, 7/6,Kristi Butts, Leroy Parks, Esther Johnston, Mattie Coleman and Roderick Marshall,(Nephew), 7/14, Dora G. Terry and Michael McGruder, 7/18, Geraldine Washington and Aeysha Byrd, 7/19, Jessie P. Huff, 7/20, Julia Reeves, and Avery Bradford 7/23, Kelly Gray, and Courtlande Alexander 7/24, Charlene Glover and Deloris Wood, 7/26, Courtney Parham, (nephew) and Danyella Grier, 7/29, Christopher Parham, (Nephew),and Reginald Moreland, 7/30, and others. Happy birthday to you and wishing you many more.

Remembering our transitioned loved one on their special day:

Danny Parham, 7/1, Jim Gates and Rosa Lee Parks, 7/4, Ruth O. Render, 7/5, Lennie King, 7/7, Mary Barnes Campbell, 7/8, Dorothy H. Stokes, 7/12, Willie James "Ted" Anderson, 7/13, Loretta Reeves-Freeman, (My 1966 GCHS Classmate) , and Vita Sewell, 7/16, Fannie Mae Harris, 7/19, Beatrice Trammell and Courtney (Tae-Tae) Alexander, 7/24, Mattie B. Moreland, 7/25, Dr. Thomas L. Coleman and Calvin Gates, 7/28, and Ethel Ferrell, 7/30 and others.

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard and always near,
Still loved, still missed and very, very dear!

At this writing some of the sick, shut-ins and bereaved families are: Nancy Carter, Lawrence Coleman, Grady Dean, Lonnie and Kathryn Dennis, John A. (Toot) Harden, Jr., Gerald Jenkins, Shante' Williams- Manneh, Nathaniel Murray, Clarence (Pee-Wee) Parham, Dora G. Terry and others. Please continue to pray for, visit, send a card, text, phone call or any act of kindness to the many sick, shut-ins and bereaved families.

Our bereaved families are many. May it comfort you to know that you are thought of and that your sorrow is shared by many with much love and sympathy as you continue to grieve the loss of your loved ones.

Congratulations to Rust chapel's couples on their anniversary in July: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth (Linda) Banning on July 7 with many years of love and bliss and Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie & Kathryn P. Dennis on their 54th year of love and bliss. Wishing you both a very Happy, Enjoyable, loving day and many, more to come.

Bethesda Baptist Church Food Bank

Bethesda Baptist Food Bank in Ellerslie is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our ministry priority is to help those in need in our surrounding communities with food, prayer and encouragement.

Food Pantry

Luthersville Baptist Church Food Pantry is open to distribute food in a driveup fashion every Tuesday at 30 Park Street Luthersville, Ga. To receive food everyone needs to be there by between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Bonnetta's Cupboard Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from noon until 1:00 pm at Greenville Methodist Church, 502 N. Talbotton Street, Greenville, GA.

The Woodbury Baptist Church Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is open the first and third Thursday of each month from 10:00 am til 2:00 pm. The church is located at 106 Dromedary Street, Woodbury, Georgia 30293. Pantry is at the rear entrance of the church.

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The Unrecognized Enemy

Rev. Aaron McCollough
Columnist



It is a little-known fact that during the early part of WWII, German U-boats patrolled the Gulf Coast waters of the United States. Did you know that? I didn't. It wasn't taught in my High School history class. The reason you don't know it is because President Roosevelt banned anybody from talking about it. It was classified and top secret. As a result of the U-boats' actions, 1,300 Navy men, 201 Coast Guard, and 5,682 Merchant Marines lost their lives due to attacks in American waters. In the Gulf, bodies literally were washed up on the shores. These U-boats sank 56 Allied ships and damaged another 14, resulting in the loss of more than 14,500,000 gross tons of wartime shipping. Eyewitnesses even reported seeing one U-boat come into the harbor and blow up one American freighter, turn, and blow up another – all within full view of the beach. The heat from the fires could be felt on the beach.

I gleaned the information above from Andy Andrews' book, *The Heart Mender, a Story of Second Chances*. He also talks about interviewing a Gulf Coast resident named "King," who shared information with him regarding these U-boats – information that the government suppressed and classified - parts of which remain classified today. He asked Mr. King if any of those U-boat sailors ever came ashore along the Gulf Coast. His answer, which you are about to read, is a direct quote from Andrews's book, "… There wadn' no potato chip machines in them things, and they weren't gassing up every Monday morning in Berlin!" He continued, "… Listen here, you look it up, the navy boys captured one sub and got into it before the Nazis could scuttle her. There was Campbell's Soup cans in the galley … and a big box of fresh turnip greens." He continued, "… Several of them German boys, when they yanked them out of the U-boat, had ticket stubs from the Saenger Theatre in their pockets. … Yep. The Saenger Theatre. That'd be North Rampart Street in downtown New Orleans." (According to Andrews, those items are still on display at the Pentagon, but the number of that particular U-boat is still classified. And because of the government cover-up during WWII, officially, the government has no record of this.)

I was dumbfounded when I read this story. In WWII, our enemy was so stealthy, he could get cleaned up, disembark from a U-boat, and walk into a crowded theatre without being recognized as the enemy. As I pondered this, my mind went to Satan's actions in confronting Eve in the Garden of Eden. Think about it. Nothing about Satan was "off-putting" to Eve; he was familiar to her, he spoke her language, and he was safe. Nothing about him remotely suggested to her that he was her enemy and had come to destroy her. Think about it! German U-boaters unrecognized in a theatre in New Orleans and Satan unrecognized by Eve. May I suggest to you that the devil we must fear most doesn't present himself dressed in a red suit, a pointed tail, a pitchfork in hand, and horns? No! He is very stealthy and walks among us unrecognizably.

I close the column with a heartbreaking truth. Recently, my wife and I had a conversation with someone. We discussed three staff pastors (and their wives) from separate churches who had suffered moral failures and are now disqualified from ministry. One is currently incarcerated, another has been arrested, and charges will most likely be filed and an arrest made regarding the third. Sadly, this evidently had happened before. Two Senior Pastors, along with their church leadership, experienced this in their churches. They dismissed them but failed to report it to the police or pass the information along to the next pastor or church. Indeed, we live in Spiritually dark days. There is an Unrecognized Enemy among us! Where is he? He sits in the church pew in front of us, behind us, and beside us, sings in the choir, and stands in the pulpit; he's our coworker, he's our friend, and he's even our family members. Sadly, he's everywhere, even in you and me, and we don't recognize him! Let us not judge these people but let us pray for them! Again, there is an Unrecognized Enemy among us.

- Bro. Aaron

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The "Lighter Side" of the News

One Billion Visitors

Seventy years after Walt Disney opened the Disneyland park and resort, California's "Happiest Place on Earth" welcomed it's billionth guest last week.

Andres Robles, an 11-year-old boy from Arizona who is visiting Disneyland to celebrate his birthday, and his parents, Alejandra and Jose, were selected as the honorary billionth guests to have visited the West Coast House of Mouse, the Disney Parks Blog reported.

The Disneyland park, located in Anaheim, Calif., opened in 1955 and is credited with launching the American theme park industry, which now includes Disney parks on three continents -- including in Orlando, Fla., Paris and Tokyo.

"The Robles family visit is just one of the many lifelong memories that that's been created here at Disneyland Resort," the blog post said.

"Reaching this milestone just days before the 71st anniversary shows that Walt Disney's dream lives on today: Disneyland continues to be a source of joy and inspiration to all the world," it said.

The Robles family participated in an unveiling of a sign updating the "population of Disneyland as 1,000,000,000," with Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck and Daisy Duck joining them for the ceremony.

The family also got a VIP guided tour of Disney's first park -- Disney World, in Orlando, would not open for more than a decade and a half -- which included Disney's private apartment and a preview of the newly opened "Soarin' Across America" attraction, the blog post said.

Perseverance Pays Off

A South Carolina man said 40 years of buying lottery tickets finally paid off when he scored a $20,000 Mega Millions prize on his "lucky day."

The Grand Strand resident told South Carolina Education Lottery officials he is a regular lottery player, bit he doesn't normally play Mega Millions.

"I've been playing the lottery for 40 plus years," the man said. "The excitement was definitely there when I won."

The player said he decided to take a shot at Mega Millions on a whim during a visit to the Publix grocery store on Oakheart Road in Myrtle Beach.

The quick pick ticket delivered a big prize in the June 5 drawing that the winner initially thought was $400, but soon realized it was actually $20,000.

"It was my lucky day," the winner said.

Wonder Where These Came From

An organization dedicated to protecting wild horses in North Carolina said several apples found on a beach had apparently fallen from a cargo ship.

The Corolla Wild Horse Fund said officials received a call Tuesday reporting the local beach in Corolla was littered with loose apples.

"Our employee started heading towards the area where the apples were reported and quickly realized someone didn't dump them out there on purpose -- they seemed to be washing up out of the ocean! They must have come off a ship out at sea," the organization said on social media.

The incident recalled another event from a few years ago, when Doritos chips washed up on the beach.

Employees and volunteers collected several bags of apples. A pair of men who regularly clear garbage from the beach later found many more apples, as well as some oranges.

The group explained why the apples weren't simply left as treats for the wild horses.

"Anything that's not part of their natural diet can cause choke and/or colic, which can be fatal," the post said. "In 2020 we lost a yearling colt to choke after he was fed an apple. In 2021, stallion Junior nearly died after choking on an apple. You should never feed an animal that isn't yours, whether it's domestic or wild."

He's Baaaaack ...

An approximately 2,200-pound elephant seal is in the midst of his annual visit to Tasmania, leaving property damage and public disturbances in his wake.

The 5-year-old animal, dubbed Neil the seal by locals, has been visiting southern Tasmania towns every year since he was born, residents said.

Neil has become a celebrity both locally and on social media, but local officials said he isn't exactly well-behaved.

"At the moment we don't have a complete understanding of the damage Neil has caused to public infrastructure but he has obviously knocked over a number of poles and bollards," Clarence Mayor Brendan Blomeley told Pulse Tasmania.

Jane Younger, a seal expert at the University of Tasmania, said locals have reported Neil is equally destructive toward private property.

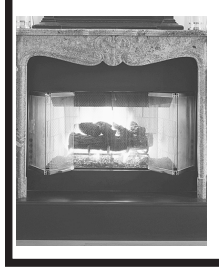
"He's broken fences, he's harassing people's cars -- that's just a function of his size," Younger told Guardian Australia.

Neil stopped traffic Saturday at an intersection in the Seven Mile Beach area, forcing police and Department of Natural Resources and Environment personnel to attend the scene and encourage him back toward the beach.

Officials are encouraging the public to give Neil a wide berth.

"I understand that until he completes his molting process, he'll continue to scratch up against things to help shed his old fur," Blomeley said. "Until then, I encourage everyone to please give Neil the space he needs and not to attempt to visit him. While he is of great interest, he is also potentially dangerous and does pose a risk to the community."

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ICONIC IMAGE - Blood-splattered face and fist held high became the image of Donald Trump during the last Presidential Election. Shown being covered by Secret Service personnel, an assassins bullet narrowly missed killing him this week in 2024.

This Week in History

2024: Assassination Attempt on Former Pres. Trump

By ANDY KOBER

Here is what happened this week in American History.

• **July 9**. On this day in 1776, during the Revolutionary War the Sons of Liberty topple the statue of King George III located in Bowling Green, New York City. Appropriately the statue will be melted down and used to make bullets to be shot at the British. Much blood had already been shed on both sides and it was about to get much worse. The Sons of Liberty was a confederation of those supporting the ideals of freedom. The organization will remain active through the Revolutionary War and until about 1783.

• **July 10**. In 1951, armistice negotiations begin in the North Korea city of Kaesong to bring the Korean War to an end. It will not happen. While South Korea, UN and US diplomatic staff are willing to end the war along the 38th Parallel, the Chinese and North Koreans are not. Even as peace negotiations are being held, North Korean Army and Chinese Peoples Volunteer Army units are actively attacking South Korean, UN and US forces.

• **July 11**. Today in 1921, William Howard Taft is sworn is as 10th Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court. Taft had previously served as President of the United States. To date, he is the only person to have served both as President and as a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

• **July 12**. On this day in 1942, Jerry Williams, Jr. is born in Portsmouth, Virginia. Coming from musically talented parents and family, Williams is just 12 years old when he records "Hardsick Troublesome Downout Blues", or "HTD Blues", with his parents and uncle serving as background musicians. Performing as Little Jerry Williams, in 1966 his "Baby You're My Everything" reaches #32 on the R&B chart. His career remains steady and he focuses on writing songs performed by others. Williams adopts the name Swamp Dog in 1970. Today he is 83 and remains active.

• **July 13**. In 2024, former President Donald Trump is campaigning for re-election near Butler, Pennsylvania, and speaking when gunshots ring out. Trump narrowly misses being killed as a bullet strikes the top of his right ear. The assassination attempt ends with the shooter, identified as 20-year old Thomas Crooks, being shot and killed by the US Secret Service. The image of Trump's blood-splattered ear and face with fist held in the air becomes a compelling image.

• **July 14**. Today in 1769, America is not yet an independent country and California is not a state when an expedition led by Spanish Army officer Gaspar de Portola leaves it base in San Diego and founds the Port of Monterey, now known as Monterey.

• **July 15**. On this day in 1954, the Boeing 367-80 makes its maiden flight. Later referred to as the "Dash 80" Boeing used the aircraft to display the feasibility of civilian jet airliners when American civilian aviation was still using propeller aircraft. Never intended for commercial use, only one Dash 80 was ever built, however its construction and successful testing led to the development of the Boeing 707 airliner and the C-135 military transport. The Dash 80 is currently on display in the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, a part of the National Air and Space Museum, located in Chantilly, Virginia.

Meteor Shower Begins Next Week

By ANDY KOBER





One of the best summer meteor showers is set to begin next Friday night.

The Perseids Meteor Shower begins July 17 typically ending on or about Aug. 24.

One of the more popular meteor showers, the Perseids will peak during the overnight hours of Aug. 12-13 with about 30-50 meteors per hour. Best viewing time is shortly before dawn of Aug. 13.

The meteor shower is known to produce meteors with long, bright trails mixed with some fireballs. The shower comes from the comet Swift-Tuttle which has a 133-year orbit around our Sun.

A new moon takes place during peak activity and if skies are clear this could be a great meteor shower to watch. Those with an action camera should consider setting up the camera pointing at the sky to capture peak activity.

Mixed in the Perseids could be a few meteors from the ongoing Alpha Capricornids Meteor Shower that started July 3 and ends on or about Aug. 15.

The next meteor shower will be the Southern Taurids that begin Sept. 20.

Meteors can flash across the sky anytime, day or night, and they are spotted quite often. Particularly bright meteors are often referred to as fireballs.

On June 24, a fireball was reported by 17 people across Florida.

The fireball was first reported at 9:50 pm by a skywatcher in Clearwater who reported, "At first, I thought it was a shooting star, but it didn't fade away. It stayed bright and fell south of me beyond the horizon." It was seen as far north as Jacksonville, as far east as Coral Springs, as far south as Marco Island, and as far west as Largo.

None of those spotting the fireball reported hearing noise associated with or seeing it fragment. The fireball appeared to travel from south-southwest to north-northeast.

Anyone seeing a fireball is urged to report the sighting to https://amsmeteors.org

Going outside and looking at the night sky can be fun and educational for the entire family.

There are a number of free apps available to help identify stars and constellations, and some of the apps will show satellites.

Happy skywatching!

Did You Know... by Jack Bagley



Did a classic Christmas television special have its ending changed after its first airing?

By JACK BAGLEY
didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com

Now that I have your attention, may I let you know that the second book from these columns is now available?

Now ... You Know! is the follow-up volume to my first trivia book, released in 2022. It's avilable from Amazon.com and I hope you'll go on line and check it out.

I'd be honored if you would add my silly book to your collection. It was a lot of fun to compile, and I think you'll enjoy it.

Let's get on to this week's trivia!

Did you know ...

... the tongue of a blue whale weighs as much as an elephant? The tongue of the largest mammal on Earth can weigh up to 8,000 pounds - and so can the largest elephant. (Put that in your trunk and smoke it.)

... the second-oldest restaurant in the world is in Spain? Restaurante Sobrino de Botín opened in Madrid in 1725. It was founded by a Frenchman, Jean Botín (1680-1740), in a building which was constructed in 1590. The name of the restaurant means "Botín's Nephew," so called after a nephew of Botín took over the business in 1740. Legend says that the fire in the restaurant's oven has never been extinguished. *Additional trivia note:* While the *Guinness Book of World Records* lists Sobrino de Botín as the world's oldest restaurant, other sources say that title is held by the Historische Wurstküche of Regensburg, Germany, which has been selling sausages without interruption since 1135. (To be in business that long, the food *has* to be good!)

... the inventor of the Frisbee™ was turned into one after his death? Ed Headrick (1924-2002) invented the toy flying disc, which he called the Frisbee, for the Wham-O company in 1948 at the start of the flying saucer craze. Following his death, Headrick's ashes were incorporated into a limited number of Frisbees, at his request. Most of the discs were given to family and friends, with a few put up for sale to benefit the "Steady Ed" Memorial Disc Golf Museum. (So many good lines here ...)

... an opera house straddles the U.S.-Canada border? The Haskell Free Library and Opera House, built in 1904, is located in Derby Line, Vermont – at least, part of it is. The stage portion is located in Stanstead, Quebec, Canada, while most of the audience sits in Vermont. There's no entrance or exit on the Canadian side except for one emergency exit, and Canadian patrons are allowed to enter the building on the U.S. side without going through Customs provided they go back to Canada immediately after the program in the theatre is over. The border is marked by a thick black line under the seats in the audience and into a nearby reading room. (Wonder if the operas are performed in French?)

... a classic Christmas television special had its ending changed after its first airing? In 1964, the now-iconic *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* premiered on NBC. The story, about the reindeer and the Misfit Toys, became one of the best-loved parts of the holiday season, but in its first airing it ended on a rather dismal note – the end credits rolled over the delivery of packages (with the show's credits on them) from the sleigh, but the Misfit Toys were just left behind, despite Rudolph's promise to tell Santa about them. Hundreds of viewers (mostly children) wrote the network in protest, and before the special was shown again in 1965, the production company Rankin-Bass filmed and added a scene where Santa visits the Island of Misfit Toys and rescues them. *Additional trivia note:* The revised ending meant the credits had to be redone, and in the process the voice actor for Rudolph, Billie Richards (1921-2010), had her name misspelled. She was credited as "Billy" in the revised credits, which to this day have not been fixed. (She didn't get top billie-ing, either.)

... several classic horror movies have their basis in a real-life crime? Movies like *Psycho* in 1960, *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* in 1974, and *The Silence of the Lambs* in 1991 are based in part on the real-life crimes of a man named Ed Gein (1906-1984). Gein was a serial killer and body snatcher known as the Butcher of Plainfield, Wisconsin. Ironically, the movie made about him, *Monster: The Ed Gein Story*, was a flop, while the fictional horror movies made millions. (Sometimes fiction is stranger than truth.)

... a despised dictator was also a decorated war veteran? Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) served in the German Army during World War I. He received the Iron Cross Second Class in 1914 and in 1918 received the country's then-second-highest military decoration, the Iron Cross First Class. Additionally, he received the Black Wound Badge in 1918. As was the custom in Germany at the time, Hitler continued to wear his Iron Cross and Wound Badge on his civilian clothing and, later, on his Nazi uniforms.

... Carnegie Hall was built out of a sense of guilt? The famous performing venue in New York was constructed by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919) because he felt responsible for the 1889 Johnstown Flood in Pennsylvania. Carnegie had been one of a select group of industrialists to purchase Lake Conemaugh on the South Fork River and convert it into a fishing and hunting club. The lake had been formed by an earthen dam on the river, which had been built between 1838 and 1853. The dam gave way after heavy rains on May 31, 1889, and the resulting flooding killed more than 2,200 people. Guilt caused Carnegie to build the musical hall in New York as a tribute.

... your nostrils register smells differently? In most people, the right nostril catches odors and aromas which are more pleasant. However, accurate smells are made more by the left nostril. (That's why it's important to blow your nose.)

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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, MERIWETHER COUNTY
TO: ALL CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF WALLACE HOWELL SHINKLE, SR. AND ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO SAID ESTATE

All creditors of, and other persons having claims against, the estate of Wallace Howell Shinkle, Sr. are hereby directed to notify the personal representative of the estate of their claims and render an account of their demands for payment thereon. Further, all persons indebted to Wallace Howell Shinkle, Sr. are hereby required to make immediate payment to the personal representative listed below.
John Shinkle as personal representative (Executor) of the estate of Wallace Howell Shinkle, Sr., deceased, c/o Wayne Hadden,
P.O. Box 1199,
Columbus, Georgia 31902.
This 9th day of June, 2026.
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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
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IN THE RE: ESTATE OF
John Gary Crews

All creditors of the estate of John Gary Crews are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This day of July ,1, 2026
Estate of: John Gary Crews
C/O personal representative(s):
Laura Ann Barajas
403 Meuse Way Temple, Ga
Amy Lynn Crews
2056 Lil Jess Ln
Douglasville, GA 30135

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-185

NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
MERIWETHER COUNTY

All persons having claims against **William Rose, Jr.** and his estate are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and proven, within the time required by law. And all persons indebted to said deceased, or his estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 30th day of June 2026.
SCARLETT R. FRAVEL
Executor
Attorney: Patrick C. Smith, Jr.
1921 Whittlesey Road, Suite 530
Columbus, GA 31904
Estate of: William Rose, Jr.

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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

To all debtors and creditors of Sarah Prather Holiday, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned accordingly to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment due to Eric John Holiday.
All as required by law.

S/Eric John Holiday
Authorized Signature

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(7:2, 9, 16, 23)

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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JANIE LANIER BRADDY

All creditors of the estate of **Janie Lanier Braddy,** late of Meriwether County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 22nd day of June, 2026.
Bart Key, Executor of the estate of
Janie Lanier Braddy, deceased.
6854 GA Hwy 109
Molena, GA 30258

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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

To all debtors and creditors of Willie McIntosh, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned accordingly to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment due to Ashley E. Caudill.
All as required by law.

S/Ashley E. Caudill
Authorized Signature

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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

To all debtors and creditors of **WILMA DEAN WOODRUFF**, deceased:
All creditors are hereby requested to render an account of your demand, and all debtors are requested to make payment due to James G. Baker, 305 North Greenwood Street, LaGrange, Georgia 30240, Executor of the Estate of Wilma Dean Woodruff, all as is required by law.
James G. Baker, Executor, for the Estate of Wilma Dean Woodruff, deceased
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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DONALD MICHAEL KLEINSCHMIT

All creditors of the Estate of Donald Michael Kleinschmit are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 23rd day of June, 2026.
Estate of Donald Michael Kleinschmit
c/o Karen Matthews,
Personal Representative
4226 Old Zebulon Road
Concord, GA 30206

(7:2, 9, 16, 23)

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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER
IN RE: ESTATE OF
DONALD BOYD BRADDY

All creditors of the estate of **Donald Boyd Braddy,** late of Meriwether County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 22nd day of June, 2026.
Bart Key, Executor of the estate of
Donald Boyd Braddy, deceased.
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Foreclosures

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, MERIWETHER COUNTY

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JK/August 4, 2026
EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot No. One Hundred Twenty Seven (127) in the 9th Land District of Meriwether County, Georgia, containing 2.061 acres, and being more particularly described with all its improvements thereon, in a Plat of Survey entitled "James Brown, Jr.", and recorded in Plat Book 24, Page 269, deed records of the Clerk of Superior Court, Meriwether County, Georgia, such plat being referenced herein for a more complete description of the metes and bounds thereof.
JK August 4, 2026
Our file no. 22-09175GA

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by TERRIC PARKS to RENASANT BANK in the original principal amount of $260,000.00 dated October 7, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 985 , Page 371, Meriwether County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 8/4/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 52 OF THE 11TH DISTRICT, MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AS LOT 62, PARK PINES SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT OF SAME OF RECORD AT PLAT BOOK 22, PAGES 70 THRU 72, MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS. SAID PLAT IS SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE LEGAL DESCRIPTION.
Said property being known as: 131 PARK PINE CIR, GRANTVILLE, GA 30220
To the best of the undersigned s knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are TERRIC PARKS or tenant(s).
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney s fees having been given).
Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.
The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows: Onity Mortgage Corporation f/k/a PHH Mortgage Corporation
1661 Worthington Road, Suite 100
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
800-887-4420
25-340504 - DiR
Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
RENASANT BANK,
as Attorney-in-Fact for
TERRIC PARKS
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470-321-7112
Firm File No. 25-340504

(7:2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER

MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by William Marvin Holt II to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc, dated March 19, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 962, Page 592, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. by assignment recorded on June 12, 2026 in Book 01114 Page 0623 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen and 0/100 dollars ($112,917.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Meriwether County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Greenville, County of Meriwether State of Georgia and consisting of a certain house and lot in the eighth District of Meriwether County, Georgia, known as the J. C. Maffett home house and consisting of One (1) acres, more or less, and bounded, now or formerly, as follows: On the North by Mrs. M. W. Adair Estate; on the East by Depot Street; on the South by lentil Street; and on the West by Williams Street a/k/a Jail Street.
ALSO:
All that tract or parcel of land, together with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Meriwether, and in the Eighth Land District of said County, within the corporate limits of the City of Greenville, and known as the "Adair Homeplace" and bounded as follows: on the North by J. Render Hill Estate; on the East by Depot Street; on the South by E. C. Garrett, formerly Maffett; and on the West by Jail Street a/k/a Williams Street. Said property is further described as the South 1/2 of Town Lot Number 34, on the map of the Township of Greenville, the same being recorded in the Record of Sales of Town Lots in the Office of the Clerk, Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia.
Tract Two described herein is shown as parcel number GROS 122 in the Tax Assessor's Office of Meriwether County, Georgia and has a physical address of **217 South Depot Street, Greenville, Meriwether County, Georgia.**
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney s fees having been given).
The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. they can be contacted at (833) 288-3170 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 1895 S Central St, Colorado City, Arizona 86021, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is WILLIAM MARVIN HOLT II or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **217 S Depot Street, Greenville, GA 30222.**
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.
Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. as Attorney in Fact for William Marvin Holt II.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 26-13898

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-168

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER
To:
1. All persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 0 Rolax Street;
Resident/Tenant/Occupant;
Darlene Harris
a/k/a Darlene Loretta Harris;
Marie Bryant a/k/a Marie A. Bryant;
Ike Dendy a/k/a Ike Perry Dendy;
Unknown Heirs of Irthemaus Dendy
a/k/a Irthemaus Dendy Jr.;
Unknown Heirs of Leon Dendy
a/k/a Derrick Leon Dendy;
Mary Dendy a/k/a Mary Ann Dendy;
Brandon Dendy
a/k/a Brandon Allen Dendy;
Latisha Dendy
a/k/a Latisha Deon Dendy;
Kendrick Dendy;
Unknown Heirs of Derrick Leon Dendy
a/k/a Derrick Leon Dendy II;
Deshia Jasmine Dendy;
Belinda Hamilton
a/k/a Belinda Yvonne Hamilton;
City of Manchester;
Meriwether County, Georgia;
State of Georgia.
Take notice that: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-4-45 and 48-4-46, the right to redeem the following
described property, to wit:
Property Location: 0 Rolax Street
Map Reference No./Parcel No.: MA06 018
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on July 27, 2026. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated May 6, 2025 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia, in Deed Book 1082, Page 537.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the aforementioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of
Jett Law Group, LLC at
2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350,
Atlanta, GA 30329.

(7:2, 9, 16, 23)

26-147

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, MERIWETHER COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Mayola C. McDaniel and Larry E. McDaniel to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Huron Valley Financial, Inc. its successors and assigns dated 7/17/2017 and recorded in Deed Book 867 Page 585 Meriwether County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $210,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Meriwether County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF MERIWETHER AND COUNTY OF TALBOT, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TRACT ONE: TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP 007 08513 J02 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING, SITUATE AND BEING IN LAND LOT 104 OF THE 16TH LAND DISTRICT OF TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN JUNCTION CITY, CONTAINING 0.869 ACRE AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT PREPARED BY ROBERT A. MORELAND, SURVEYOR, FOR DIANE DURHAM DATED 10-19-1994 RECORDED 10-26-1994 AT PLAT BOOK J PAGE 30 TALBOT COUNTY GA DEED RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 693 BLYTHE STREET, JUNCTION CITY GA. TRACT TWO: MERIWETHER COUNTY TAX MAP 158 PARCEL 43 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, SITUATE AND BEING IN LAND LOT 266 OF THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 99.076 ACRES AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT PREPARED BY ROBERT A. MORELAND, SURVEYOR, FOR LARRY MCDANIEL DATED 6-23-1987 RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 12 PAGE 154 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 4374 RIVER ROAD, MANCHESTER GA 31816. Parcel ID: 158043 Commonly known as 4374 River Road, Manchester, GA 31816 However, by showing this address no additional coverage is provided The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney s fees having been given). **Said property is commonly known as 4374 River Road, Manchester, GA 31816** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Pine Meadow Farm Trust or tenant or tenants. CeLink is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. CeLink 3900 Capital City Blvd Lansing MI 48906 CeLink Loss Mitigation Department P.O. Box 40724 Lansing, MI 48901-7924 Phone: 866-446-0026 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record

superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.
Carrington Mortgage Services LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Mayola C. McDaniel and Larry E. McDaniel Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1823-937A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1823-937A

(6:4, 11, 18, 25, 7:2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

26-150

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, MERIWETHER COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from GEORGE HUGH HILL , JR. and REBECCA HILL to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR CARDINAL FINANCIAL COMPANY, dated December 20, 2018, recorded December 31, 2018, in Book 901, Page 515, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Eighty-Eight Thousand Thirteen and 00/100 dollars ($88,013.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Meriwether County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 212 OF THE ELEVENTH LAND DISTRICT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONTAINING 6.65 ACRES, AND BOUND NOW OR FORMERLY, AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BY AN UNNAMED COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD; SOUTHEAST BY JAMES MONTGOMERY ROAD; AND SOUTHWEST BY FORREST ROAD, SAID PROPERTY IS SOMEWHAT IN THE SHAPE OF A TRIANGLE AND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ACCORDING TO A PLAT PREPARED BY JOHN N. CLARK, R.S. ON OCTOBER 17, 1988 SAID PLAT IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 105, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID PLAT IS HEREBY REFERRED TO FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION AND BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN.
Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **2858 FOREST ROAD, GREENVILLE, GA 30222.**
The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.
Said property will be sold on an as-is basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.
To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is GEORGE HUGH HILL , JR., REBECCA HILL, or tenants(s).
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser s tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.
The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 500 N. State College Blvd. Suites 1030, 1300 and 1400, Orange, CA 92868, Telephone Number: 800-561-4567. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F
as Attorney in Fact for
GEORGE HUGH HILL , JR.,
REBECCA HILL
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. CMS-22-04754-10

(6:11, 7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-167

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF
RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER
To:
1. All persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 0 Trigville Street;
Resident/Tenant/Occupant;
Unknown Heirs of Leroy Copeland;
Barbara Copeland;
Norman Lee Copeland;
Connie Joann Banks;
Tamika Menyon Copeland;
City of Manchester;
Meriwether County, Georgia;
State of Georgia.
Take notice that: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-4-45 and 48-4-46, the right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
Property Location: 0 Trigville Street
Map Reference No./Parcel No.: MA05 051
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on July 27, 2026. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated May 06, 2025 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia, in Deed Book 1082, Page 543.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the aforementioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of
Jett Law Group, LLC at
2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350,
Atlanta, GA 30329.

(7:2, 9, 16, 23)

26-180

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
MERIWETHER COUNTY
Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kaylar Dublin and Illmarecus L. Dublin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp., its successors and assigns dated 4/28/2022 and recorded in Deed Book 999 Page 446 Meriwether County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $254,545.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Meriwether County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 20 of the 9th District of Meriwether County, Georgia, being identified as Tract A and containing 2.174 acres as per plat of survey dated 08/22/2000 prepared by Phillip C. Flynn, Jr. RLS #2622, prepared for Jackie Lee Clerk and Sonja D. Clerk, as recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 363, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, said plat being incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney s fees having been given). **Said property is commonly known as 112 Lillie Patrick Rd, Gay, GA 30218** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Kaylar Dublin and Illmarecus L. Dublin or tenant or tenants. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Loss Mitigation 3043 Townsgate Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361 1-866-549-3583 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Kaylar Dublin and Illmarecus L. Dublin Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1120-8592A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
1120-8592A

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

General Legals

26-163

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

TOWER DAIRY NO.1,
Plaintiff,
v.
BUSCIGILO FARMS CONSULTING GROUP,
Defendants.
Civil Case No.: 2026-CV-0074

To Busciglio Farms Consulting Group, LLC, 831 Alexander Road, Gay, GA 30218, You are hereby notified that the above-styled action, A Complaint for Breach of Contract, Unjust Enrichment, and Attorney s Fees, seeking judgment in the amount of $1,111,991.33 was filed in the Superior Court of Meriwether County, State of Georgia, on March 5, 2026, by the Plaintiff, Tower Dairy NO.1, Service of the Summons, Complaint, and Affidavit of Damages upon you has been authorized by Order of the Court dated May 18, 2026, pursuant to O.C.G.A 9-11-4(f)(1)(A) due to Plaintiff s demonstrated inability to serve you personally after diligent efforts.
You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Meriwether County, 100 N Court Square, Greenville, GA 30222 and to Serve upon Plaintiff s Counsel, Melissa Barrett, Esq., M Barrett Law, 225 N. Jeff Davis Drive, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214, an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the first publication of this notice. Failure to respond will result in a judgment by default being entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

(6:18, 25, 7:2, 9)

26-183

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

VEX FALEY, Petitioner,
vs.
Jesus W. Solis; all heirs of Jesus W. Solis and any and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as 514 Indianola Drive, Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia 31816 , Respondents.
CAFN 2026-CV-0161

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: Jesus W. Solis; all heirs of Jesus W. Solis ; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the **property known as 514 Indianola Drive, Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia 31816.**
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the 28th day of May, 2026 , in the Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia, Coweta Judicial Circuit, and that by reason of order for service by publication entered by said court, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within 30 days of the date of the order for service by publication to answer said petition and file pleadings before the Court.
Map and Parcel: MA11022
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE WEST HALF OF LAND LOT 245, 2ND (GILL) DISTRICT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 9 AND THE NORTHERN 50 FEET OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 1 AS PER MAP AND PLAN OF JOHNSONTOWN, A SUBDIVISION OF BUILDING LOTS IN TIIE NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 44, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 973, PAGE 319, AFORESAID RECORDS.
WITNESS the Honorable
EMORY PALMER, Judge of said Court.
This 30th day of June, 2026 .
/s/ Mitchell T. Key
Mitchell T. Key, Attorney for Petitioner
vs.
Jesus W. Solis; all heirs of Jesus W. Solis and any and all residents, occupants, tenants,
lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as 514 Indianola Drive, Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia 31816 ,

Respondents.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: Jesus W. Solis; all heirs of Jesus W. Solis ; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as 514 Indianola Drive, Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia 31816 .
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the 28th day of May, 2026 , in the Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia, Coweta Judicial Circuit, and that by reason of order for service by publication entered by said court, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within 30 days of the date of the order for service by publication to answer said petition and file pleadings before the Court.
Map and Parcel: MA11022
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE WEST HALF OF LAND LOT 245, 2ND (GILL) DISTRICT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 9 AND THE NORTHERN 50 FEET OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 1 AS PER MAP AND PLAN OF JOHNSONTOWN, A SUBDIVISION OF BUILDING LOTS IN TIIE NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 44, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 973, PAGE 319, AFORESAID RECORDS.
WITNESS the Honorable EMORY PALMER, Judge of said Court.
This 30th day of June, 2026 .
/s/ Mitchell T. Key
Mitchell T. Key, Attorney for Petitioner

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

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NOTICE OF
ABANDONED AUTO

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.
The vehicles are located at 310 Hill Haven Rd Greenville Ga 30222;

2013 FORD F150
1FTW1ET5DFD21536,

2010 TOYOTA COROLLA XLE
2T1BU4EE9AC468843,

2018 HONDA ACCORD EX
1HGCV1F40JA018302,

2015 INFINITI Q70L
JN1BY1PR8FM830368.

(7:9, 16)

26-184

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

ENRICO DEAN,
Petitioner,
vs.
BERLE BURSE; ALL HEIRS OF BERLE BURSE; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as Trammell Bottom Road, Hogansville, Meriwether County, Georgia,
Respondents.
CAFN: 26-CV-0147

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: BERLE BURSE; ALL HEIRS OF BERLE BURSE; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as Trammell Bottom Road, Hogansville, Georgia.
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the day of May, 2026, in the Superior Court of MERIWETHER County, Georgia, Coweta Judicial Circuit, and that by reason of order for service by publication entered by said court, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within 30 days of the date of the order for service by publication to answer said petition and file pleadings before the Court.
Map and Parcel No. 050006018
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 175 AND 178, 11th DISTRICT, MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DELINEATED AS LOT 17 OF FOX HOLLOW SUBDIVISION ON A PLAT BEING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 207, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA. THE ABOVE REFERENCED PLAT IS HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY THIS REFERENCE.
WITNESS the Honorable
EMORY PALMER Judge of said Court.
This 30th day of June, 2026.
/s/ Mitchell T. Key
Mitchell T. Key, Attorney for Petitioner

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-165

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

BRUCE A. WILLIS, JR., Petitioner,
vs.
Sysmotech Group, Inc; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as Lot 5B Belfair Section 2, Harris County, Georgia,
Respondents.

CAFN: 2025-CV-390

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: Sysmotech Group Inc; and any and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as Lot 5B Belfair Section 2, Georgia.
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the 9th day of October, 2025, in the Superior Court of HARRIS County, Georgia, Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, and that by reason of order for service by publication entered by said court, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within 30 days of the date of the order for service by publication to answer said petition and file pleadings before the Court.
Map and Parcel # 081 532
ALL THAT LOT, TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND COUNTY OF HARRIS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NUMBER FIVE (5), IN BLOCK LETTERED "8", SECTION TWO, BELFAIR SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN UPON A MAP OR PLAT ENTITLED & SECTION TWO, BELFAIR SUBDIVISION, LYING IN LAND LOT 131, 18TH DISTRICT, HARRIS COUNTY, GEORGIA & PREPARED BY MOON, MEEKS, MASON & VINSON, INC. UNDER DATE OF OCTOBER 20, 2005, FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 18, 2005 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGES 236-238 IN THE OFF1CE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE FOR THE PARTICULAR LOCATION AND DIMENSIONS OF SAID LOT.
WITNESS the Honorable Maureen Gottfried, Judge of said Court.
This 15th day of May, 2026.
/s/ MitchellT. Key
Mitchell T. Key, Attorney for Petitioner

(6:25, 7:2, 9, 16)

26-182

LEGAL NOTICE

Liberty Utilities (Peach State Natural Gas) Corp. (Liberty Utilities) filed its Petition for Approval of the 2026-2027 Gas Supply Plan with the Georgia Public Service Commission (the Commission) on July 6, 2026, under O.C.G.A. 46-2-26.5. All filings in this matter shall be made at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Georgia Public Service Commission, 244 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30334.
This matter has been assigned Docket No. 57062 and is scheduled for public hearing in the Commission s Hearing Room, 244 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30334-5701 (Room 110) at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at which time anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard.
Under O.C.G.A. 46-2-59 and Commission Utility Rule 515-2-1-.06, persons wishing to intervene must file an application to intervene within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice. Any intervenor applicant s pre-filed testimony shall be filed with the Commission's Executive Secretary Office in conformity with Commission Rule 515-2-1.04(3) using the Alternative E-filing (available at https://psc.ga.gov/alternative-efile)
in Microsoft Word for text documents or Excel for spreadsheets with formulas live and intact. Eight physical copies of the filing including any Trade Secret data should be filed by 4:00 p.m. on August 28, 2026. In addition, each applicant shall submit a copy of its application to intervene and other filings to Liberty Utilities, all other parties, and persons who have applied to intervene, and submit a Certificate of Service to the Commission. A list of parties and other intervenor applicants that must be served can be obtained from Sallie Tanner, Georgia Public Service Commission, 244 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30334 (stanner@psc.ga.gov).
Additional information concerning participation in this docket is contained within the Procedural and Scheduling Order issued in this Docket on April 21, 2026, available on the Commission s website.
If you have a disability and request assistance or accommodation to participate, or need further information, please contact the Executive Director's Office, Georgia Public Service Commission at 404-656-4501 or 1-800-282-5813 (inside Georgia only).
This notice is published at the direction of the Georgia Public Service Commission.
Lindsey S. Williamson
Attorney for Liberty Utilities

(7:9)

Probate Notices

26-176

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ANNA MARIE DENURE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 10784

PETITION FOR
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE

TO: ALL HEIRS & INTERESTED PARTIES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN and to whom it may concern:
SHANNON LEE DENURE has petitioned for himself/herself/themselves to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **AUGUST 3RD , 2026.**
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Hon. J.D. Rasnick
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Shannon Neely
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 608
Greenville, GA 30222
706-672-4952 option 2

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-177

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: DAVID E. WEAVER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 10785

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE
FOR YEAR S SUPPORT

The petition of **CINDY WEAVER** for a year s support from the estate of the above named deceased, for decedent s (surviving spouse) (and) (minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before AUGUST 3RD, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party.
Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be (held on TBD in the probate court of the above-named county, courtroom, 100 Court Square, Greenville, GA 30222 **scheduled at a later date.** If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
J.D. Rasnick
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Shannon Neely
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 608
Greenville, GA 30222
706-672-4952

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-175

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF

VIOLAR HOLMES, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.10783

PETITION FOR
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE

TO: ALL HEIRS & INTERESTED PARTIES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN and to whom it may concern:
BETTY JO CHILDS has petitioned for (himself/herself) to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **JULY 27TH, 2026.**

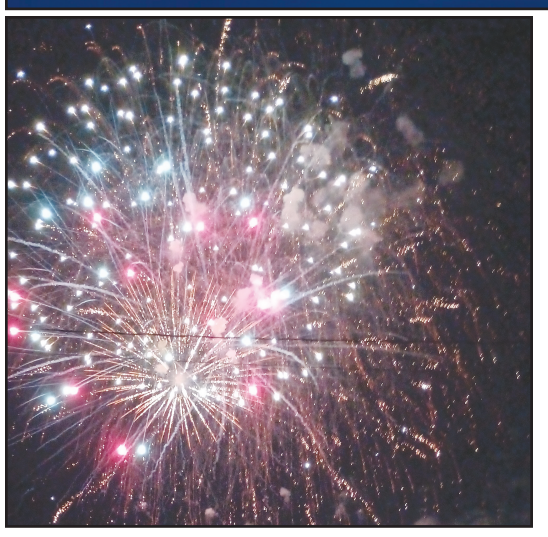
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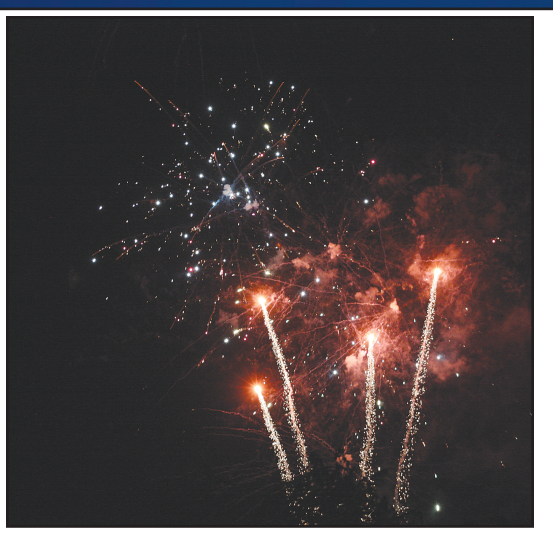
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